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Barre has claimed Co. C.

Weather report: Quite a strong draft was felt throughout the country to-day.

Did you buy that Liberty loan bond while the men were registering for service? If not, why not?

If you don't feel entirely convinced about those U. S. government bonds see any banker at once, and he will tell you all you wish to know.

The Red Cross membership is not closed—will not be closed until after the need for its splendid services is vanished. So join now although you are late for the big drive. There is bound to be great demand for your co-operation and your dollar.

The forcing back of the French on the Aisne front emphasizes the acute need of those American divisions and then more divisions. Half a million Americans would undoubtedly swing the balance of power so strongly with the allies that the Germans would be forced back out of France and perhaps Belgium.

We take off our hat, figuratively speaking, to Rutland, which had 358 Red Cross members when the statewide campaign for enlargement of that organization was started and which had 3,510 members when the campaign ended one week later. It is a record of progressiveness and patriotism which the people of that city may well take pride in.

Males between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, who have not registered at the time this paper goes to press, should remember that they will have a chance up till 9 o'clock to-night. After that, they will have to stand the consequences for their failure, with the United States government as the taskmaster. It will simplify matters a good deal for them and for the government if they register.

The experience of the steamship Kronland with torpedoes of submarines is an encouragement to shipping. If one steamer is able to dodge two torpedoes and then to run such a zigzag course as to blunt the force of two more torpedoes so that the missiles did not explode on striking the hull of the vessel there is a fighting chance for all commerce vessels. Shipping should perk up.

One might hope for a more auspicious opening of Norwich university next fall than the closing of the institution on June 2. The lack of commencement exercises and decimation of the corps of 200 cadets to 46 men of the three lower classes must have made a more or less gloomy time for those remaining. However, the prospects for a good-sized freshman class, with perhaps a reasonable return of the members of the present junior, sophomore and freshman classes, lighten the gloom to a certain extent although the contemplation of the possible eventualities for those who have enlisted for war service may cause some foreboding.

It is rather odd that a whole month should be needed to satisfy the army officers that a large section of the men who are training for officers' commissions at Plattsburg are not fit for the service, as the result of which they are to be discharged from the camp. For all these weeks the government has been spending valuable time on approximately 1,670 men out of 5,000, only to come to the conclusion that the men were not suited to hold officers' commissions. Such a marked inroad into the total membership of the Plattsburg camp might lead to the suspicion that the enrolling of recruits for the camp was not carried out with due regard for the finer details of the requirements. Virtually a month or more has been all but wasted in ascertaining what should have been learned at the outset of the enrollment.

Among the patriotic families should be included this one from Chelsea: Four sons of the late Alonzo E. Taylor of that place have enlisted in the service of the United States government, although one of the four must await the completion of some needed dental work before entering upon full service. When the spirit of patriotism makes such a strong call upon a single family, it recalls the days of the Civil War when, in some instances, all the eligible male members of families, fathers and sons, responded to the call of their country and fought for the preservation of the union. Arthur, David, George and Bert Taylor of Chelsea are showing the right spirit in offering their services to the nation; they are revealing that same spirit which carried the Civil War through to a successful issue in behalf of the right. They are to be commended highly for their patriotism.

It is to be presumed, despite the lack of publicity, that the Vermont state government is going about the work of raising that second regiment of soldiers for service inside the state, which Governor Graham ordered in a call issued a few weeks back. Practically nothing has appeared in the public prints about the

matter since the first formal call of the executive, and the lack of publicity has resulted in some confusion in the minds of the public. Perhaps a public statement from the governor's office or from some person in the state's military department would serve to clarify matters a great deal and stimulate interest in the formation of the new regiment. It goes without saying that a great deal of work will be necessary to get the regiment into shape for service by the time the 1st Vermont infantry is called outside of the borders of the state and it would seem to be time that a start was made in working up public interest. The call of the governor is for a regiment of 600 men; and those men can be recruited only after considerable time and labor.

## A NEWSPAPER AND THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

The government at Washington draws a distinction between a newspaper and a daily publication of official doings, and it wishes to make known to the public that the daily publication, called the Official Bulletin, published in behalf of the government, is not intended for the public unless a subscription of five dollars a year is forwarded; and even at that price the government is not anxious to secure subscribers. The Official Bulletin, let it be understood, therefore, is not a newspaper in the commonly accepted meaning of the term but it is merely a daily publication intended to acquaint officials and semi-public organizations throughout the United States with the doings of the government.

Incidentally, the price of five dollars a year reveals to the public something of the valuation placed by the government on a daily publication. It shows that the publishers of small newspapers in many parts of the country are not getting what they should for their paper inasmuch as the Official Bulletin is merely a small eight-page circular considerably less than one-half the size of The Times, for instance, and containing merely the verbatim wording of official orders and acts, the gist of which is published by the newspapers along with a mass of other information. For this little circular the government charges five dollars a year. Many daily newspapers are still charging only three dollars per year and giving their readers incomparably more information on general matters than this governmental organ, and that, too, in the face of largely increased cost of materials. However, it becomes evident that if the cost of materials continues to rise it will not be possible for the smaller dailies to continue at the same rate of subscription, for it would mean bankruptcy for them.

## CURRENT COMMENT

The Idle Horse and the Idle Hired Man.

They say that a horse standing idle in the barn is equivalent to the hired man asleep in the hay mow. The fire insurance people don't figure it so, especially if the h. m. has a warm pipe in his mouth!—St. Johnsbury Republican.

## PLATINUM SUPPLY.

Total for the World Is About 5,000,000 Ounces.

The known supply of metals of the platinum group in the world is possibly 5,000,000 ounces. Estimates based on the official figures of production from Russia since 1843, which are taken as 25 per cent too low, and on the assumption that Russia has supplied 95 per cent of the world's output, indicate that the total quantity of crude placer platinum produced in the world since 1843 has been less than 4,632,000 troy ounces, or about 159 short tons.

Crude platinum is not pure, as it contains, besides iron, small amounts of one or all of the metals iridium, palladium, osmium, rhodium, and ruthenium. It is difficult to estimate the quantity of platinum in the world, but it is perhaps within reason to say that the platinum in the world's stock of metals of the platinum group amounts to 4,000,000 ounces.

From the most reliable information in the hands of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, it is estimated that the total quantity of platinum in the United States is about 1,000,000 ounces, besides which there is over 400,000 ounces of other metals of the platinum group, and rhodium.

In 1916 the crude platinum mined in Colombia, estimated at 25,000 ounces, was refined in the United States, and reports received from domestic refiners show that 28,088 ounces of metals of the platinum group was recovered by them from all sources, foreign and domestic, of which 24,518 ounces was platinum.

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## MIDDLESEX

The Home circle will meet with Mrs. L. C. Jones on Thursday afternoon, June 7.

Miss Addie Nichols spent the latter part of the week at home, returning to her school in Berlin Sunday.

Charles and Raymond Ward, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Carrie Ward, have returned to Owego, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell and daughter of Huntington Center were week-end guests of Luther Russell and family.

Little Robert Densmore is ill with chickenpox.

The No. 4 school re-opened Monday.

## ORANGE

R. P. Lord of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting his sons.

Frank Machia's family were in Granville Monday to attend the wedding of their niece, Hattie Machia.

We are glad to note that Carroll Cline, who has enlisted in the navy and has since been seriously ill with typhoid pneumonia, is gaining. Mr. Cline, when a child, lived in this town.

Mrs. Wilfred Sayah is recovering from an attack of the grip.

## CORINTH

Clarence Church is working for A. H. Blake.

Ethel Allen visited at Mrs. Angie Comstock's the last of the week.

Mrs. Alice Darling and Mrs. A. H. Blake were at W. E. Pitts' in West Fairlee one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Humphrey and children visited his sister, Mrs. Alvah Comstock, the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Darling and Mrs. Flint visited his mother, Mrs. Alice Darling, Sunday.



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## Brother, You Don't Want to Be a Slacker!

Do you know what a "curtain of fire" is? It is when the enemy brings up thousands of pieces of artillery, great cannon firing shells as large as a man's body, one of which exploded among five hundred men could kill them all—other smaller guns firing shrapnel, with millions of bullets scarcely less destructive—hundreds of thousands of shells, all exploding along a certain line, until there is a real wall of explosion, a wall of death to be passed.

And our boys are going in—in where they use curtains of fire as you use matches—going in with high hearts and a laugh—and OUR boys will go THROUGH—some of them.

Brother, you can't go with them. You are too old, or have too many dependent on you, or you can't pass the examination, or you are needed in your present work to keep the wheels of business moving at home.

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Barre has already filled the Headquarters Company chock full of excellent men. Let the Granite City now adopt C Company. It is due to the Barre spirit that this appeal through the press is possible. General Tillotson announced yesterday that the First Vermont Infantry would be the only organization to carry the Vermont standard to the trenches as it is not the intention of the War Department to create additional units of the National Guard.

Will the young men of Barre go with the Vermont Troops or be drafted and be assigned they know not where?

It Takes a Man to Make History; any (?) can read it!

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